

The Conservative Platform

As Enunciated at Halifax and Other Places by Mr. R. L. Borden, Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Commons.

1. Honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest.
2. Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.
3. More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure thorough publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to expedite hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive arrangements, the withdrawal or compromise thereof, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended.
4. A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the Civil Service so that future appointments shall be made by an independent commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.
5. Such reform in the selection of members of the Senate will make that chamber a more useful and representative body.
6. A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.
7. The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great national iron mines) for the public benefit and under conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall inure to the people.
8. The operation and management of our government railways by an independent commission free from partisan control or interference.
9. Development and improvement of our national waterways, the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.
10. The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to establish thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.
11. The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.
12. The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail.
13. A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.
14. The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire.
15. The restoration of the public lands to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair terms.
16. The unimpeded maintenance of all powers of self-government which have been conferred upon the Provinces of the under the constitution.

MR. ANES INDICTMENT OF INTERIOR DEPT.

The Cedar Lake Limit.

Just north of Lake Winnipegosis there lies a lake called Cedar Lake, on the shores and islands of which there is much valuable timber. In September, 1903, A. W. Fraser, an Ottawa lawyer, not long since President of the Ottawa Liberal Association, applied to have put up for sale a timber berth to include a square mile on this lake. His request was at once granted. The notices were issued on the 15th of October, calling for bids to be received and opened at Ottawa on the 2nd of December. One advertisement and one only appeared in the Manitoba Free Press and in the Dauphin press. Now, Cedar Lake lies 700 miles north of the railway. In order to reach it one must take the train to Winnipegosis, from which point an occasional fishing tug can be taken for points at the northern end of the lake. But the steamer service comes to an end the latter part of October and the ice commences to form. When the advertisements did not appear in the western papers before the 20th of October, it will be seen that it was quite impossible at that time of year for anyone to visit the limit, examine the timber, put in a bid with a week's deposit and then return to Ottawa by the end of December. Competition was impossible. It is reasonable to conclude that the authorities at Ottawa intended to make it so. As was no doubt expected there was but one bid, that of the applicant, Mr. Fraser, and this gentleman offered the timber sum of \$500 and secured the limit. Shortly after its acquisition the area of the berth was increased to 90 square miles without additional bonus, so that Mr. Fraser secured his limit at the rate of \$5.56 per 40 miles or at a little less than one cent an acre. Now that limit, acquired for speculative purposes by Mr. Fraser, was placed for sale in the hands of certain Winnipeg agents. The prospectus offering the property to a prospective buyer was read in the House of Commons. I have the original document issued by J. Haffner & Son, real estate agents, 367 Main street, Winnipeg, which reads as follows:

"Cedar Lake, which is situated on Saskatchewan waters is comprised of something over two square miles and is estimated at 250,000,000 feet. The timber on this berth would work to advantage in connection with the former berth. As you will notice by the accompanying plan, there is one short portage to land the logs from Cedar Lake to Lake Winnipegosis, a distance of from two and a half to three miles. The waters in both lakes are of the same level and the country lying in between the two lakes is of a low flat nature. The timber is immediately surrounding the shore of the lake situated for sixty square miles together with the islands or portions of the islands that have been selected. The survey has been made out up to the present I am not in possession of the plans. The timber is of good quality and fairly clean, more so than the timber in the Redwood and Red Deer districts, but not quite so large. The price for this block is \$500,000.

Can anyone defend the government for permitting so valuable a concession to pass into a speculator's hand under such circumstances?

The Moose Lake Limit.

Just north of Cedar Lake lies a still larger sheet of water known as Moose Lake. This also drains into the Saskatchewan river. The lake is as large as Lake Nipissing and there is some very fine timber located nearby. Mr. Fraser applied for this limit also at the time that he asked for Cedar Lake. There was the same inefficiency of advertisement and opportunity for competition. Mr. Fraser, apparently expecting to have it all his own way, put in a nominal bid of \$1,000. But there was a surprise in store for him; for, late in the

morning of the day on which the bids were to be opened, a tender reached the department from James Currie, associated with the McLaughlins, who offered \$6,400 for the limit. This is the first tender appeared in the name of W. H. Nolan, containing a \$7,000 cheque and this last offer captured the limit.

The Original Documents.

Now, these three tenders were the original documents over which there was so much discussion in the House. The government furnished the Opposition with typewritten copies. These, however, did not carry all the information that was required. We demanded the originals and our demand was refused. Finally, after a week's struggle, the originals were brought down and what did they disclose? They showed that the tender of A. W. Fraser in November, to form upon Lake Winnipegosis and W. H. Nolan were in the same hand writing. Subsequently Mr. Fraser under oath admitted that he wrote them both. He states that he had at first tendered on his own behalf, offering \$100,000 for the limit, but during the morning Mr. Burrows, the brother-in-law of the Minister, had called to see him, had asked him to prepare another tender and that he had used the name of W. H. Nolan as though it were his own. Mr. Fraser had handed the letter in an unsolicited letter envelope to Mr. Burrows, and this latter gentleman had enclosed the \$7,000 cheque which captured the limit with a little to spare. Now the contention to which there has been no satisfactory answer is this: How did Mr. Burrows know that \$7,000 was the sum required to win this limit? This timber berth, even more valuable than the Cedar Lake limit, subsequently passed into the hands of a company known as the Imperial Pulp Company whose operations became the subject of investigation on the part of the Opposition.

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The Rev. Dr. McDonald will conduct the anniversary services of the W. C. T. U. in Knox Church, Strathcona on the evening of August 30th, services beginning at 7.30. Dr. McDonald will give a historical sketch of the law, progress and work of the W.C.T.U. He will also give what he regards as strong reasons in favor of woman's suffrage.

An alarm of fire was sent in from the west end last evening for the purpose of testing the brigade and a quick turnout was accomplished. The last team was out of the hall in forty-five seconds from the first tap of the bell, the hose wagon reached the hydrant at the corner of Third street west and Second avenue north in three minutes, and in three minutes and twenty-five seconds from the time the alarm came in a line of hose was strung across a block.

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MR. AMES' INDICTMENT OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

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The Imperial Pulp Company. This organization seems to have been formed for the sole purpose of acquiring, holding and selling timber limits. It had no office, save a Winnipeg post office. Its officials were unskilled. It was eventually learned that Hon. D. H. McMillan, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, was president, that T. A. Burrows was managing director, and that a youth, formerly typewriter to Mr. Burrows, was the secretary. Whether there were other shareholders we were unable to learn. The holdings of this company on the north Saskatchewan, and its branches above Edmonton are valued to-day at \$700,000, while the Moose Lake limit, according to the prospectus issued by an authorized agent, is held at \$500,000 more. Not a stick of timber has yet been cut by this company from any of its limits, although most of the areas have already been held for five years or more; nor has any saw mill been erected, or any activity shown which would entitle this company to be regarded as anything but a speculator in timber property.

The Imperial Pulp Company as a Bidder for Limits.

The Imperial Pulp Company appears upon the scene as a bidder for timber berths between December, 1902, and February, 1904. During these two years, this company, under diverse names, observing the greatest secrecy, bid upon nine limits. It never asked to have a limit put up, but it never failed to secure a limit upon which it bid. The total of its bids amounted to \$54,975, the total of the next highest bidder in the nine cases amounted to \$51,721, a difference of only \$3,254. In other words this company secured its limits by an average excess bid of only 6 per cent above the next competitor. This mysterious company that possessed no domicile, whose home was a Winnipeg post office box, whose communications had to pass through an attorney and banker, acquired for less than \$55,000 during these three years 417 square miles of timber limits that must have value to-day exceeding \$1,000,000.

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